

(Van, Feb 70)

Cham

March '62 - assigned as CG code for 7th Div
DTA (31st DTA: 7-promises)

1960-61: ~ below, participated with Nhu + Thompson
on strat. combat program.

1961: experiment with census genuine program
- Ton Kiep area of Binh Thuan.

1962: Van passed for + got acceptance of C as
PC of Kin Hoa, from Huynh Van Cao +
Dien; to replace Thao.

~ May '63: Mayor of Dong.

~ Jan '64: back to Kin Hoa, till

Dec '65: at request of CIA, assigned as
director of RO Cadet Program, under MORD.

- Jan '66: quit program, alleging harassment
+ overt control by CIA. (Van sold Bc to Thang
and CIA is replacement; CIA reluctant
- Inspector: MORD (JGS) over a year; refused permission
to ^{assign} Van for CIA. Saw limited off. on action list)

to run for assembly; Nov 67: got 42% of
vote in field of 22 candidates (?)
2d Deputy got 12%. (?)

Nov '65 in Kim Hoa, C told V of "close friend"
from other side, had not seen since 1948.

Spring of '66: according to C, he had discussed
him with Donahue and Methuen. Had been
visited 5 times in 1967-68 by a "Mr. Adams" of
CIA with proposal Adams be put in contact
with him. After consideration, C had rejected each.
He thinks these rejections led to CIA turning over
info to National Police.

C asked V in April 1969, after arrest, to
tell Ambass. that brother was high official in
Hanoi — colonel in VM in 1948, Intell. Officer for
Antonyou IV (2+3 in Center) — and could be useful
in establishing relationship with Hoi Van Lam,
#2 in Paris. (also influential on Mr. Buer,
a leader in 1954 Geneva negot.).

In Nov 65, C said "final" was expecting
for US to search for negot. settlement; wanted
advice. C indicated intention to take up
with CIA rep. in province.

V did not report. (Then circ. advice
to 1st Inf. Div.).

In Dec 65 C requested V as his advisor; V was,
C's
till Jan 1966, transfer.

In ~~Dec~~^{July} 1966, C said another visit had
take place with his "final"; also wanted
meeting with Lodge. (On pass passport), important
in Hanoi, at sub-cabinet level. Revealed, his brother:
"first a national, 2nd a Com".

C requested that Abess counsel info
from CX, since he felt CIA would want to
"revenge" itself on C due to difficulty on RO papers.
Meeting could be arranged on 3 weeks notice.

V told Porter, who thought HCC would refuse,
because of strain on relations with GVN. Suggested C.A.

Week later, P authorized V to make contact.

C said would attempt (3 week notice required,
for H to come from Hawaii. H rejected; V too
low-level.

V returned to Koon in 1967. No more word
from C till April 69.

April: V told Bill Edwards, Acting Chief.

B. not aware of background; denied C.A. came of
arrest.

Mrs. Thun, of Hqs, on Pong summit.

C says Thiri should share power by allowing
council from religious factions to agree on
policies, which T would carry out. They don't
want ministries [T ^{him} says they wanted to name PM]
but power "to participate in determining the
national policies"

Otherwise, Thiri can rule only by dictatorial
means and with much US support.

Thiri is a "local foreigner," who does not
understand traditional values.

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Dec-Jan: Quiétone + training.

25 Jan 66: moved to Vay Pan. Chan began
interviewing Parachute Group, who claimed, ^("Comm") cells were being
found in the Political Group.

Capt Mai became Major about March 1966,
to solve C/A discontent.

C. found it was Quy Don cells, "Third Force."
— "not bad philosophy, but inconsistent with GVN +
US interests. If US wanted, OK, but he would leave."
(Hwards posted)

Sauvageot, etc. began translating lesson plans.

C. finally demanded of Van to know if US
knew of this. Donahue admitted he did not know;
but later, on Jorgy pressure, they back-tracked
(claimed "in '65", things could have gone either way."
J: "You don't think we're so naive." "What do you think we are,
"We're not amateurs?"

Porter briefed, in April or May. Van briefed Koven.
Koven investigated.

C. was demanding removal of Mai; couldn't
get, so he put in Thinh as Commandant, over
Mai; C/A got Mai named Director of Instruction
late April, early May.

Mai getting Thinh bypassed; Thinh
threatened to resign.

PM clique, instructors close to Thinh; other
CIA clique.

They ordered Chan back to Saigon
in May (apparently CIA pressure). Meanwhile
C lecturing on RD.

In May, Dondue left; Dick Fortin took
over for Cap, but doubled on Dan's back.
Mr. Bink reported on Fortin ("Hey, skithread" —
Ky's nephew).

Van runs to Wisner, W to Porter, later
May: probable explosion in VT.

Porter called over V about 1st May; he
had investigated; no basis for fears. ^{Long, long} Ordinal
Van ret to Saigon in Wash.

(V told AID not to take over Cadet program).

Posto & Stinson set up briefing for Anger & Cally: ~12 June 66. AD decided not to take over. Cally to look into it.

Posto found out about briefing on quiet tip; got back on 19th June; told Myer ^{on 20th} he wanted Van out of country 24 hrs. after he returned on 21st.

Same day, he learned there had been an armed insurrection at VT on the 16th; former CIA personnel had taken over 2 camps, sent out assass. squads for Chan.

Wesley & Han sent down (talked to George Morton, SF Col.): all true; and CIA had prevented Americans from leaving VT, to report. ^{18th}

Hart had arrived, but had gone to Thailand to settle family; but Thuy insisted, he was brought back, on Sunday, 23rd.

Jozzy had left about 18th.

Thuy had gone down to talk to rebels; they brought out CIA man with them, and T. had to bargain with them. Thuy told Hart either GUV would run, ~~or~~ Mai had to go — or PC's would not cooperate; could not be called RD Cadres.

CIA asked for 2 week grace; T OK'd, but
took back. Sent Chan down

Meanwhile, V had been given orders: to go to
Kees. But Porter heard from W + H —
"What Van would!" — and was pissed at
CIA for not telling him. Porter reversed V's
orders, gave him permission to Reynolds's job
(who moved to Porter's office).

Chan went down in late June; but CIA
rumor campaign (wife of V knew my supply
said she was Chan's wife, taking over commissary.)

Chan indicted for misuse of funds in KH
3 years earlier; he was cleared, after rumors had
been spread.

Chan read at CIA.

Meanwhile, they would not allow C. to
resign to run for CA: he went to hospital in Oct

(C left Vay Jan 2d this ~ Sept.

Finally made inspector of Poe in I Corps.